

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3732–3749; 1 private bill, H.R. 3750; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 53; and H. Res. 485–488 were introduced. **Pages H5774–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5775–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1327, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–152); and

H.R. 36, to provide for research to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals in the scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics workforce and to examine policies to reduce the prevalence and negative impact of such harassment, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–153).

Pages H5773–74

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020: The House passed H.R. 2500, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 473. Consideration began Wednesday, July 10th.

Pages H5733–43, H5750–64

Rejected the Thornberry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 472. **Pages H5760–63**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5764**

Agreed to:

Dingell amendment (No. 440 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that requires the Administrator of the EPA to designate all per and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under section 102(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980;

Pages H5735–37

Smith (WA) en bloc amendment No. 17 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143: Rice (NY) (No. 432) that requires GAO to conduct an audit of ongoing and planned future DOD support for DHS operations to secure the southwest border, with a subsequent briefing and report to Congress; Stanton (No. 433) that directs the Secretary of Defense to modify the pre-separation counseling check-list administered to servicemembers separating from the Armed Forces to provide further information regarding the expedited naturalization resources available to them; Takano (No. 434) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with a copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for each noncitizen honorably discharged from the military for the purposes of including such record in an I–213 Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien; Aguilar (No. 435) that directs DOD to debrief non-citizens on how to

apply for naturalization when they transition out of the armed services; Aguilar (No. 436) that prohibits persons with DACA or TPS from being separated from the Armed Services to be deported; and Pocan (No. 439) that requires review of the discharge characterizations of former members of the military who were discharged because of their sexual orientation; requires boards to change discharge characterizations from dishonorable to honorable in such cases;

Pages H5740–43

Tipton amendment (No. 375 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that expresses the sense of Congress that military aviation training in Colorado, including the training conducted at the High-Altitude Army National Guard Aviation Training Site, is critical to the national security of the United States and the readiness of the Armed Forces (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 461);

Pages H5752–53

Khanna amendment (No. 423 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that prohibits unauthorized military force in or against Iran (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 463);

Pages H5753–54

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 424 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that repeals the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 464);

Pages H5754–55

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 425 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that expresses the sense of Congress that the 2001 AUMF has been utilized beyond the scope that Congress intended; and that any new authorization for the use of military force to replace the 2001 AUMF should include a sunset clause, a clear and specific expression of objectives, targets, and geographic scope, and reporting requirements (by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 465);

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Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 437 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that prohibits DoD funding to house any foreign nationals who are in the custody of and detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 469);

Pages H5733–34, H5757–58

Malinowski amendment (No. 438 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that provides for a one-year prohibition on the sale of air-to-ground munitions used in the conflict in Yemen to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, while providing an exemption for any export or license suspensions that would incur a cost to the United

States Government (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 470); and

Pages H5734–35, H5758–59

Jayapal amendment (No. 441 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that requires the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress independent studies regarding potential cost savings with respect to the nuclear security enterprise and force structure (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 471).

Pages H5737–40, H5759

Rejected:

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 49 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to reduce funding from the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account by \$16.8 billion (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 459);

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Amash amendment (No. 50 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to repeal section 1022 of the FY2012 NDAA and amend Section 1021 of the FY2012 NDAA to eliminate indefinite military detention of any person detained under AUMF authority in the U.S., territories, or possessions by providing immediate transfer to trial and proceedings by a court established under Article III of the Constitution of the United States or by an appropriate State court (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 460);

Pages H5751–52

Turner amendment (No. 386 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to strike the provision relating to the prohibition on the use of funds for the deployment of low-yield ballistic missile warheads and requires the Secretary of Defense to certify on the availability of proportional response options (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 462);

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Garcia (TX) amendment (No. 428 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to prevent DOD facilities from being used to house or detain unaccompanied migrant children (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 466);

Pages H5755–56

Ocasio-Cortez amendment (No. 429 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to prohibit the President from deploying troops on the southern border if the purpose of this deployment is to enforce immigration law (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 241 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 467); and

Pages H5756–57

Ocasio-Cortez amendment (No. 430 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to prohibit the President from using the authorized funds to detain undocumented immigrants in Department of Defense facilities (by

a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 468). **Page H5757**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings. **Page H5765**

H. Res. 476, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) was agreed to Wednesday, July 10th.

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act: H.R. 1327, amended, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 402 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 474;

Pages H5743–50, H5764–65

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2092, and for other purposes.” **Page H5765**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, July 15th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5570**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeand-nay vote and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5751, H5751–52, H5752–53, H5753, H5753–54, H5754–55, H5755, H5755–56, H5756–57, H5757, H5757–58, H5758–59, H5759, H5763, H5763–64, and H5764–65. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON: ADDRESSING CYBER THREATS TO THE GRID

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Lights On: Addressing Cyber Threats to the Grid”. Testimony was heard from Karen S. Evans, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, Department of Energy; J. Andrew Dodge, Sr., Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and a public witness.

LESSONS FROM THE MUELLER REPORT, PART III: CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES FOR ADDRESSING PRESIDENTIAL MISCONDUCT

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Lessons from the Mueller Report, Part III: Constitutional Processes for Addressing Presidential Misconduct”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S CHILD SEPARATION POLICY: SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration's Child Separation Policy: Substantiated Allegations of Mistreatment”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Escobar, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, Tlaib, Lesko, Cloud, Biggs, and Roy; Jennifer L. Costello, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Ann Maxwell, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas D. Homan, Former Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled “Overcrowding and Prolonged Detention at CBP Facilities”, 5:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Violations of the Hatch Act Under the Trump Administration, Part II: Kellyanne Conway”, 4 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3494, the “Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Polard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”; H.R. 582, the “Raise the Wage Act”; and a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.